

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**Applicant** : **Marlene Bainbridge, et al.**  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir,

Responsive to the Action of the examiner dated September 29, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for reply expiring December 29, 2006, please consider the following Amendments and Remarks. A Request for Extension of Time for one month and fee are submitted herewith.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.